

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/697,498 (the parent application). This reference information has been added to the first paragraph of the specification through this preliminary amendment. The undersigned representative hereby cancels claims 1-30 as originally filed and adds new claims 31-61. Amendments to the specification have been made that are commensurate with those made in the parent application. Likewise, approval of drawing changes commensurate with those of the parent application is being requested with this preliminary amendment. A complete set of drawings, including the changes described above in the section labeled "AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS," is attached hereto.

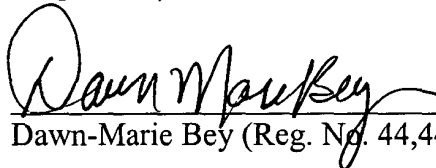
CONCLUSION

The undersigned representative respectfully requests a notice of allowance with respect to the presented claims. Should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the number provided. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the attached sheets for Figs. 1-16. In Figures 3C, 4, 5, 7A, 7B, 10 and 11, the following amendments have been made:

In FIG. 3C, "150" has been changed to --120--; and

In FIGS. 4, 5, 7A, 7B, 10 & 11 the location of reference numbers "70" and "75" have been switched.